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STATESMENT

IMAGOINE

CALLAWR

I AM SURPRISED yrs to hand Fort.

16 May 50 DJ

infinie délicatesse de sentiment
qui caractérise la race Celtique

all right all right we all
know enough Frog to read
this type of statement I should
imagine — its the old man
Renan speaking. somewheres.
the three things indispensible.
t an innate boneddig*
a plaid
a harp &
a boiler.+ (callawr)

laws of Hywel Dda (~~Gwentian~~ Venedotian Code)
HYWEL
(sorry old man!)

I have not been aware of this Hagues' letter. I should be obliged to know if it is still in your ditty box.

much love David

* Welshman proper – free-tribesman in O. Welsh
Modern W. = Gentleman.

+ cauldron or pan, dish = grail, or mess-tin
(or mess-tin-cover, see pall)

I may say I'm terribly miserable. Yu do get it,
(OVER.

also for Irish Text
FROM

For acuteness of valour – the Greeks
For Excessive pride – the Romans
For dullness – the creeping Saxons
For beauty & amorousness – the Gaedhils

extract Church Times
(current No)
Poetry Prize for children award to
N. Lloyd Jones (aged 9) Llansannor Vicarage Glam.
my easter egg so smooth & brown / was sent to me from fairy town /
a wee man left it at our door / a nicer egg I never saw.

1st nice. from the Life of St David (11th Century) (the Rhygyfarch.

A chap called Barre had taken David's horse to get to Ireland on — there being no P&O. or anything available & the winds contrary.

Equus ~~[illegible]~~ enim tumentes fluctuum cumulos ceu planum perarabat campum. Cum autem in mare longius graderetur, apparuit ubi sanctus Brendanus super marinum cetum miram ducebat vitam. Sanctus autem Brendanus, hominem in mare videns equitantem, stupefactus, ait "Mirabilis Deus in sanctis suis!"

I put it to you in Latin because it shows I like its readable & not all spelt wrongly. & the Eng. Trans is not so exciting.

I can just see poor old Brendan gray ~~[illegible]~~ stupefactus on a great slippery sea beast.

I'll give you more stuff from this Life at some other time. It's good,

will answer yr letter as soon as I can. love to yourself

[illegible] hear of chaps being courtmartialled for drunkenness on parade.

I went with Kit. D & listened to him lecture at Exeter — in a nice little lecture-room & him in a gown & chaps & girls bent over taking notes & it was nice — but terribly few there (about a dozen at the most) & half wish I was young & at a place — but I suppose I should hate it then — if we'd been in a place together we might have become little great scholars & made asses of everybody